



Above: View from Washington Sailing Marina. Unique marina to have view of Nation's Capitol and Ronald Reagan National Airport. Below: 1 of the 3 cranes. Spinnaker'n Spoke shop has a small lounge inside and lots of seating outside, boat supplies.



**September 2019**

**November**

25 Executive Cmte Mtg-Conference Call 7pm

11 General Membership Meeting

**October**

27 Executive Committee Meeting

19 Oktoberfest and Membership Meeting at Fairfax Yacht Club, Virginia. Page 4

**January 2020**

23 Executive Committee Mtg

4 Holiday Party, Springfield Golf & Country Club—6 pm to 10 pm

6 General Membership Meeting



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**NEW Meeting Locations:** Gen. Membership  
Mtgs: **Oct 19 mtg at Oktoberfest. Nov 11 mtg at Alexandria Police HQ Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 7:30 pm**

**Executive Committee Mtgs, 7 pm: Sept 25 by Conference Call, contact Sean Gallagher. Oct 23 at George Mason Reg Fairfax Co Library, 7001 Little River Tpke, Annandale, VA 22003. More info at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>**

*Check next newsletter for any meeting location changes or call a bridge officer. There may be occasion to conduct an executive committee meeting conference call instead of an in-person mtg, especially in bad weather.*

**Gen Memb mtgs are on the 2nd Mon of each month except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec. The May and Oct mtgs are combined with other events on different days.**

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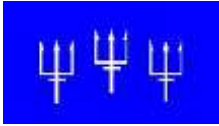
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## Message from the Commander



Fellow Boaters, Mercedes and I are off again to board a cruise ship leaving out of Dover, England on 23 September. We will be bound for the Baltic Sea via the English Channel and the North Sea, to the ports of Copenhagen, Riga, Tallinn. St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Amsterdam, and back to Dover. While the weather in this September – October cruise will likely be on the cool side, and maybe a little “lumpy”, we like the generally somewhat lower prices and smaller crowds of fall time of the year compared with summer. Interesting enough the ship is the *Pacific Princess*, of Princess Cruises, not the Love Boat of TV fame, but named for her.  
<https://www.princess.com/ships-and-experience/ships/pa-pacific-princess/>

This Pacific Princess vital statistics:

Tonnage:	30,277 gross displacement tonnage (of sea water) 2,700 deadweight tonnage (fully loaded capacity)
Length	181.00 m (593 ft. 10 in)
Beam:	25.46 m (83 ft. 6 in)
Draught:	5.80 m (19 ft.)
Decks	9 (passenger accessible)
Propulsion	Diesel-electric, 2 propellers
Speed:	18 knots (33 km/h; 21 mph)
Capacity:	688 passengers 373 crew

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific\\_Princess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Princess))

While the *Pacific Princess* seems fairly massive, especially compared to even the largest pleasure craft; she is classed as a small cruise ship by the cruise industry.

Newer cruise ships, like the *Pacific Princess*, use azimuth thrusters, which are pods housing propellers that can rotate 360 degrees and provide optimum maneuverability. These thrusters replace rudders and have several benefits over conventional screw-type propeller systems, such as decreased stopping distance and greater maneuverability. This greater maneuverability generally allows the ship to “park” in some fairly tight berths without the aid of tugs. (<https://adventure.howstuffworks.com/cruise-ship3.htm>)

Additionally newer cruise ships, like the *Pacific Princess* have ship stabilizers to mitigate the ship's rolling. These stabilizers are fins or rotors mounted beneath the waterline and emerging laterally from the hull to reduce a ship's roll due to wind or wave action. On cruise ships these stabilizers are active fins in that they are controlled by a gyroscopic control system. When the gyroscope senses the ship roll, it changes the fins' angle of attack to exert force to counteract the roll. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stabilizer\\_\(ship\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stabilizer_(ship)))

Enjoy being on the water,  
**Cdr Charles Hurley, JN**  
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America's Boating Club Northern Virginia



# Oktoberfest on the Water

Saturday October 19

12:00 to 16:00 hrs.

## Fairfax Yacht Club



Join us for food and drinks

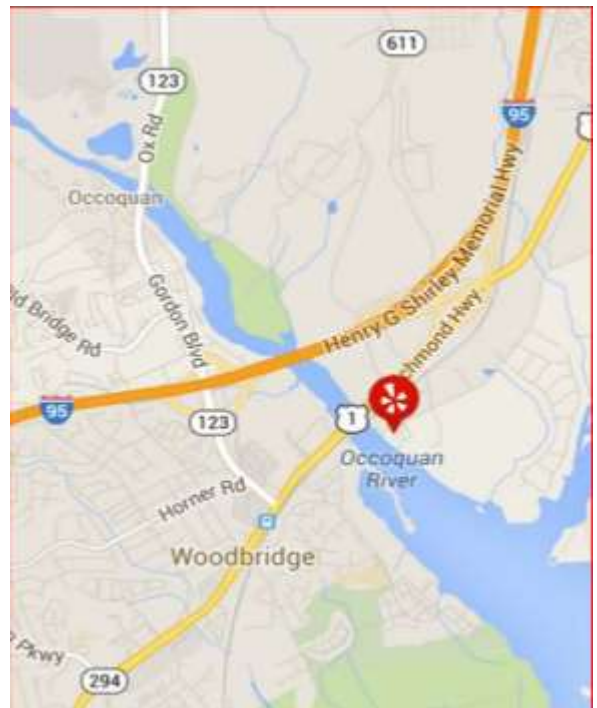
Combined with the October meeting

Vessel Safety Checks will be available

Bring a friend and your favorite, appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Set-up volunteers contact Secretary Evelyn Alls, [secretary@nvsp.org](mailto:secretary@nvsp.org), 703-569-1511.

**Fairfax Yacht Club**, 10721 Colchester Road. Mason Neck, VA 22079, 703-339-8736, \$5 requested per person. [www.fairfaxyachtclub.com](http://www.fairfaxyachtclub.com)

**From the Beltway Driving South:** Drive south on I-95 from the Beltway and take the exit for Woodbridge via US Rt. 1 south. Turn left at Furnace Road, which is at the first traffic light. This is just prior to the Occoquan River Bridge. Follow Furnace Road through the railroad underpass (Caution one car wide and a blind turn, sound your horn before entering). Continue about another 75 -100 yards where Furnace Road bears to the left and joins Old Colchester Road. Do not bear to the left but proceed straight across. This is a private lane, which leads into the Fairfax Yacht Club. Follow this lane through the gate (it will be open) and park at any open space.



Photos courtesy Fairfax Yacht Club



## *Message from the Executive Officer*

Everyone!

Please join us on Oktoberfest October 19 and our November 11 Meeting.

Save the date for our Holiday Party on January 4!

Contact Education Officer Dean Markussen about our new boating education courses on page 9.

Get together with each other at the Annapolis Boat Shows Power: Oct 3-6 and Sail: Oct 10-14! If you want to know who else is going, Claire is collecting names. Email her at [Editor@nvsp.org](mailto:Editor@nvsp.org) and she'll help you connect.

We have positions open. Contact me about them: Administrative Officer, Member at Large, Newsletter Editor or Assistant Editor.

Be safe on the water!

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**For Information about Sea Scouting**

**Contact Sea Scout Ship 1942**

**<https://www.seascout1942.com/>**



### *It's Merit Mark Time*

America's Boating Club awards a merit mark annually to all members who have performed substantial service to the squadron during the calendar year. If you performed such service for ABCNV during 2019 or know of a member who did, please email a short but specific description to merit mark chair Jean Durgin ([rjdurgin@aol.com](mailto:rjdurgin@aol.com)) by October 10, 2019. Members who have earned 25 or more merit marks are rewarded with free USPS membership.

# Events

## **2019 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic District 5 Fall Conference**

November 8-10 Fredericksburg, VA [www.USPSD5.org](http://www.USPSD5.org)

## Save the Date!

NVSPS Holiday Party January 4, 2020  
Springfield Golf and Country Club — 6 PM to 10 PM

## *Look for Marine Seminars here!*

<https://ssca.org/> <http://www.fawcettboat.com/>

<http://PropTalk.com> <http://SpinSheet.com>

<http://www.FishTalkMag.com>

## **2020 National Capital Boat Show and Seminars**

[www.NationalCapitalBoatShow.com](http://www.NationalCapitalBoatShow.com) **March 13-15, 2020**  
**Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA**

## **2020 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic District 5 Spring Conference**

March 26-29 Ocean City, MD [www.USPSD5.org](http://www.USPSD5.org)



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<http://theensign.org/>



## Gale and Evelyn Alls attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting September 10-16 in Louisville

There were two subjects voted on:

- Rules Committee., "Each District shall hold a least one district conference each calendar year. Immediate business may be conducted electronically." Changes current regulation requiring two meetings. Still allows two, but does not not required it. This vote passed.
- Committee on Nominations recommended three members for the Governing Board, Recommendations vote passed.

The Governing Board discussed the recommendations of the planning committee but did not vote on any of the suggestions.

Below Evelyn Alls is holding a certificate awarded to NVSPS for recruiting 19 new members by July 19. The District received a similar certificate for meeting their goal.



## ***Get Certified as a Vessel Safety Check Examiner Study Manual is Available Online***

*Message from Chair P/C Rich Unis, JN*

The VSC program is a very important ongoing public service effort sponsored by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, America's Boating Club and BoatUS.

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=welcome>

**Come join the program! Contact P/C Rich Unis, JN**  
at 703-777-8378 or at skipperunis@gmail.com



P/C Gale Alls and P/C Dick Durgin are on the lookout for new **interesting and educational** places for our group to visit.

Call Gale at 703-569-1511

or Dick at 703-560-9106 with ideas!

What do you want to learn about?



***Thanks to September speaker Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore, managing editor of BoatU.S. Magazine for sharing her Le Boat Charter Cruise on Canada's Rideau Canal. See her article in the Oct/Nov 2019 issue of BoatU.S. Magazine***

We got to know the friendly people at each stop, as if we were there. Thanks to Le Boat for the great brochures, sunglasses and the DISCOUNT just for us. Contact Claire at [editor@nvsp.org](mailto:editor@nvsp.org) for our special discount code.





## 4-Hour Saturday Mornings Boating Education Classes 2019–2020



**America's Boating Course.** November 2, 16, 23. Boat safety, government regulations, navigation aids, marine communications and light/sound signals.

**Seamanship.** December 14, 21; Jan 11, 25; and Feb 1. and Advanced seminar in Rules of the Road, anchoring and boat handling.

**Piloting.** February and March, specific Saturdays to be determined. Hands-on navigation training with maps, charts, plotters and dividers. Use of GPS for navigation will also be covered.

Located at St. Georges Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St, Arlington VA 22203.

All sessions run from 0900-1300.

For more information and to register, contact Dean Markussen, 703-751-9178, MMarkussen2@comcast.net





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